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FOR MRS. ELIZABETH HAGERTY, D/IWY, STATE

1. BEGIN QUOTE: MR. PRESIDENT: THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION
REGRETS THAT THIS CONFERENCE MUST CONCLUDE WITH A DECLARATION
WHICH REMAINS UNACCEPTABLE TO A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES.

2. THERE ARE, TO BE SURE, MANY PARAGRAPHS AND IDEAS IN THE
DECLARATION WHICH WE STRONGLY SUPPORT. MANY OF THESE PARA-
GRAPHS -- DEALING WITH THE PROBLEMS AND CONCERNS OF WOMEN FOR
WHICH THIS CONFERENCE WAS CONVENED -- ARE VERY SIMILAR TO THOSE
IN THE DRAFT DECLARATION WHICH WE CO-SPONSORED. WE BELIEVE
THIS ILLUSTRATES THE CLOSENESS OF OUR VIEWS ON THE WOMEN'S
ISSUES, AND THE SOLIDARITY OF OUR EFFORTS HERE TO GAIN FULL
AND EQUAL PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN AS DECISION-MAKERS IN THE
ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, AND SOCIAL LIFE OF THEIR COUNTRIES AND
TO ELIMINATE SEXIS.

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3. MY DELEGATION, ALONG WITH THE DELEGATIONS OF THE

UNITED KINGDOM AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, MADE REPEATED EFFORTS TO ENTER INTO SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS ABOUT OTHER POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC POINTS IN THE GROUP OF 77'S DRAFT ON WHICH THERE WAS DISAGREEMENT. HOWEVER, THERE WAS NO OPPORTUNITY TO PURSUE SUCH NEGOTIATIONS. WE DEEPLY REGRET, THEREFORE, THERE WAS NO CHANCE TO WORK OUT LANGUAGE ON THOSE PARTS OF THE DRAFT DECLARATION WHICH WE COULD NOT ACCEPT.

4. WE FIND THIS ALL THE MORE DISAPPOINTING BECAUSE WE SHARE THE DEEP CONCERN EXPRESSED AT THIS CONFERENCE FOR THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. WE HAVE JOINED IN SUPPORTING RESOLUTIONS DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THEIR STATUS AND ASSURE THEIR PARTICIPATION IN SOCIETY ON AN EQUAL BASIS WITH MEN.

5. THE DRAFT DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES BEFORE THE CONFERENCE TODAY ALSO CONTAINS CERTAIN FORMULATIONS AND REFERENCES TO CERTAIN UNITED NATIONS DOCUMENTS WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAS CONSISTENTLY OPPOSED. FOR THIS REASON, THE UNITED STATES VOTED AGAINST OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS 18 AND 19 WHEN THE DRAFT WAS CONSIDERED IN THE FIRST COMMITTEE. THE UNITED STATES REMAINS WILLING TO ENTER INTO SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS TO NARROW THE REMAINING DIFFERENCES WHERE THEY EXIST ON SPECIFIC ECONOMIC ISSUES, BUT WE OBVIOUSLY CANNOT DO SO AT THIS CONFERENCE.

6. AN ADDITIONAL REASON FOR OUR POSITION TODAY IS THE INCLUSION OF FOUR PARAGRAPHS WHICH UNNECESSARILY ENCUMBER THE DECLARATION WITH SPECIFIC POLITICAL VIEWPOINTS NOT SHARED BY MANY DELEGATIONS. REFERENCES TO "ZIONISM" APPEAR TO ASSOCIATE THIS CONFERENCE WITH A CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE STATE OF ISRAEL, AND CARRY THE IMPLICATION THAT THE STATE OF ISRAEL SHOULD BE ELIMINATED. THE UNITED STATES STRONGLY OPPOSES ANY PROVISIONS OF THIS NATURE DIRECTED AGAINST ONE MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

7. IN CONCLUSION, MR. PRESIDENT, MY DELEGATION HAS BEEN GUIDED THROUGHOUT THIS CONFERENCE BY THE BELIEF THAT THIS UNCLASSIFIED

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WAS A MEETING OF ALL NATIONS OF THE WORLD TO PROMOTE THE STATUS AND THE ROLE OF WOMEN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD FAIRLY REFLECT, THEREFORE, THE CONCERNS OF ALL THOSE REPRESENTED HERE. WE SHOULD TRY TO REACH CONCLUSIONS WITH WHICH WE CAN ALL AGREE.

8. WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO SO TO A CONSIDERABLE EXTENT AT THIS CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, DIFFERENCES DO

REMAIN. WHEN THEY DO, AND ON MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE,
MY DELEGATIONS MUST REGISTER CLEARLY ITS DISAGREEMENT.

9. ACCORDINGLY, MR. PRESIDENT, MY DELEGATIONS VOTED
AGAINST THE DECLARATION. IN DOING SO, I ALSO WISH TO
REITERATE THE INTENTION OF THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION
AND WOMEN THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES TO WORK WITH
DETERMINATION AND GOOD WILL TO IMPLEMENT THE WORLD PLAN
OF ACTION, THE ONLY MAJOR DOCUMENT UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.
THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. END QUOTE.
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